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COMMANDER'S SAFETY POLICY LETTER



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This instruction establishes my policy in regard to safety within the 62d Airlift Wing and McChord AFB. Daily operations must be conducted in the safest, most professional and efficient manner possible.

1. The Safety Attitude. All personnel assigned to McChord AFB must recognize and accept their individual responsibility in preventing mishaps. Commanders, Supervisors, first sergeants and individuals must take an in-depth look at their daily activities, assess the risks and determine the safest method of mission accomplishment. Remember, safety is an attitude we must all possess to protect the Air Force's most precious asset—people! By minimizing risks, we can safely accomplish our mission.
2. Goal. Our ultimate goal is zero mishaps. We prevent mishaps by operating safe and effective missions. Mishaps cause a loss of manpower, material and time we cannot afford if we are to accomplish our worldwide mission.
3. Leadership. Instilling safety as an essential element of leadership requires a continuous commitment to safety in all we do. We must make safety an indispensable part of all our activities and always look for opportunities to foster a safe environment. Our mission is only successful when it is accomplished safely.
4. Responsibility:
 - 4.1. The unit commander is the key denominator in safe mission accomplishment. Risk management techniques must be applied to all situations. Commanders will ensure Operational Risk Management assessments are performed to identify risks and then develop ways to mitigate those risks.
 - 4.2. Supervisors are the decisive factor in the command structure. They provide the direct link between the commander and the workers. Job training responsibility rests here, where realistic safety attitudes and risk management are developed, and where unsafe practices and conditions are best detected. Supervisors are the point where mishap prevention and mission accomplishment work together and become an inseparable entity. Supervisors must:

- 4.2.1. Understand the mission and know their people, as well as the tasks and capabilities of those people.
- 4.2.2. Monitor the work environment for hazards and report and correct hazardous conditions.
- 4.2.3. Enforce compliance with all safety and health standards, technical data and procedures, and enforce proper use of personal protective equipment.
- 4.3. The individual is the key to effective mishap prevention. Each individual is expected to:
 - 4.3.1. Understand the mission and comply with established safety standards.
 - 4.3.2. Report unsafe conditions, equipment and practices to supervisors and Wing Safety; warn others of such hazards.
 - 4.3.3. Have a positive safety attitude both on and off the job.

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